

MONTAGUE ENERGY & SOLAR PLANNING COMMITTEES JOINT MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday March 28, 2023, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Due to COVID-19 Public Participation will be by Zoom

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Meeting ID: 825 4592 5762 Passcode: MEC

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Votes May Be Taken

Designate facilitator and scribe 4:32 PM

Approve minutes from Feb. 28, 2023 MEC meeting (vote) 4:35 PM

Community Planning For Solar with U. Mass. Clean Energy Ext. 4:40 PM

- Report on survey outreach

Helping Town Prioritize Energy-Saving Projects for Upcoming State & Federal Grants. 4:45 PM

- Review energy project ideas compiled by MEC for Town in preparation for new funding sources, including ARPA monies already distributed to Town but not yet fully allocated, additional ARPA funds to be distributed to Towns by a MA bill, & federal Infrastructure & Inflation Reduction Act funds assigned to the state.
- Discuss where process is for exploring PV for Town Hall Annex, DPW and Safety Complex.

Update on Proposed Green Communities Grant Projects. 5:05

Energy Related Facility Updates. 5:15 PM

- Outdoor lighting upgrades to LED
- Elementary School ventilation – check-in w/ Heath Cummings: ventilation running all the time?
- Information on net zero & energy efficient techniques, including embodied carbon.
- Turners Falls Airport ground mounted PV proposal

Explore possibility of transitioning to biodiesel for heating Town buildings using oil & for Town trucks that use diesel. 5:25 PM

State & federal level energy-related policies & legislation updates. 5:35 PM

- Discussion of Town opting into Specialized Net Zero Stretch Code
- Other legislation & policies, including Green Bank, Inflation Reduction Act updates.

Recruiting new members for Energy Committee: 5:45 PM

**Other topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting
5:50 PM**

Announcements (no discussion) 5:55 PM

Plan agenda for next meeting. 5:58 PM